ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

Another industry is moving to Vancouver: "Doc" Forbes' tattoo parlor.

"Doc" has been shuttling between Victoria and Vancouver for some time. This week, he folded his Victoria tattoo shop, amusement arcade and photo studio for good. He'll concentrate on tattooing, at a place in the 700 block East Hastings.

"Doc" is a round, cheerful little man whose torso is liberally decorated with his own handiwork.

I found him sitting on an upturned box at the old place on Johnson Street, surrounded by what remained of the amusement arcade gear.

Gone were the vivid pictures of hearts, roses, battleships and inscribed dedications to "Mother," which used to hang on the wall.

Doc lifted his shirt to display his latest creation—a pair of metal rings threaded delicately through the flesh.

"It's getting to be a fad in the United States," he explained. "I'm trying to start it here."

And Doc told the latest news in the world of tattooing and flesh-piercing. He talked about the young girl who had a beauty spot tattooed on her face.

Matronly Galleries

A number of highly reputable matrons have living picture galleries under their smart clothes, he confided.

I wondered whether Doc had done any work in collaboration with Picasso, Dali, or other contemporary artists. He said he hadn't, but he was willing to try.

The sign on the door said "Knock for Doc," but nobody did, except for a man who came to move out a counter.

"Why are you moving?" I asked.

"Our lease expired anyway," he said, and gestured toward the dingy walls. "Whole place could do with re-decorating. And we're more in the centre of things, where we are now. We might come back to Victoria again, if we can find the right office somewhere."

Tattooing isn't everyone's favorite art form. But with Doc's departure, a little more of Victoria's color and character fades away.

Epic Race Recalled

Robert T. Mackay, 1027 Chamberlain, remembers when he and Earl Case together lost a five-mile race to the great Victoria long-distance man, Frank Baylis.

It began at a party, 50 years ago. Earl Case was boasting about his running ability.

Frank Baylis, who was present, offered to race not only against Case, but also against his friend Mackay—running as a relay team.

They ran the race next day on the old Oak Bay track — three laps to the mile.

"Frank was kind to me — he just kept about 50 yards ahead of me," Mr. Mackay remembers. "I think he could have stretched a lap ahead any time he wanted."

Mr. Baylis defeated the two men in succession, and finished without even straining himself, while Messrs. Case and Mackay dropped out in succession, exhausted.

Mr. Mackay saw a reference to this race in last Sunday's 50-years-ago section of the "Time Capsule" column on the Colonist editorial page.

And it happened that last Sunday was Mr. Mackay's birthday. He is 71.

"I don't think I could run to the front door now," he says.

Was Risk Justified in Emergency?

Shrum Criticizes Commission Test

B.C. Power Commission installed a new and untried gas turbine unit in its Georgia generating station near Chemainus at a time when shortage of power threatened Vancouver Island industry with disaster in 1957.

This was disclosed by R. C. McMordie, acting general manager of the publicly-owned utility, at yesterday's hearings of the Shrum royal commission in Victoria.

Mr. McMordie said the Georgia thermal plant is the largest of its type and "one of the few to be built anywhere." He said it required entirely new design developments.

Was it a good idea, said Dr. Gordon Shrum, for the Power Commission to put in larger gas turbine units than have ever been used before when there was an emergency—"we are told there was a tremendous urgency for power."

$1,000,000 COST

Mr. McMordie said the resulting delays in delivery of gas turbines and operating difficulties cost the Power Commission approximately $1,000,000.

In his brief he outlined reasons for cost increases which boosted the original estimate for the plant, of $13,300,000 to the present figure of $15,850,000.

He said in addition to gas turbine delays plant changes in the design stage cost an additional amount of approximately $850,000.

Further additions to the plant not covered by the original estimate amounted to approximately $1,100,000.

Mr. McMordie said "because of system requirements" only three months were available for preliminary engineering studies before preparation of original estimates.

"There is still the fundamental contradiction here that I would like to have resolved," said Dr. Shrum.

"All the evidence we have heard indicates that building of Georgia thermal station was based on an emergency. This commission would like to have an explanation why—when there is a tremendous urgency for power—BCPC would go out and sign up for a unique unit, in which problems are added by an entirely new design.

JUSTIFICATION NEED

"We will have to provide some justification for the decision to use gas turbines, after hearing what considerations entered into it."

Dr. Shrum added: "I can see the Power Commission doing some research and experimentation when there is plenty of time and money. But in this case, even if it is proved more efficient to have gas turbines—which seems doubtful—I don't think this would be sufficient justification."

Commissioner William Anderson said: "It does seem like a poor time to be experimenting."

The Georgia unit is only one of 20 BCPC projects where the final costs exceeded the estimates. The Shrum royal commission is inquiring into over-expenditures and other power commission operations.

Next week it is scheduled to hear a brief on the Strathcona development where costs of $34,750,000 exceeded estimates of $19,000,000 by nearly $15,000,000.

Simple Service in Ottawa

Sidney Smith Borne Away On Last Sorrowful Journey

OTTAWA (CP) — Under a warm and cheerful spring sun, External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith late Thursday was borne away on his last melancholy journey to his native Nova Scotia.

After the simple and quiet United Church funeral service, the body of the 62-year-old minister who died Tuesday during an after-lunch nap was taken to Uplands Airport where it was placed aboard an RCAF plane.

SLOW MARCH

At the slow march, an RCAF band preceded the state funeral cortege from Chalmers United Church on downtown O'Connor Street as it headed toward the airport.

The plane carrying Dr. Smith's body landed at Shearwater Airport near Halifax after a two-hour flight. A transport department plane carrying members of Dr. Smith's family landed 10 minutes earlier.

The body was taken in a hearse to Windsor, 45 miles away. It will lie in state there at Trinity United Church today and services will be conducted there before burial in Maplewood Cemetery, beside Dr. Smith's parents.

In Ottawa the sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Ernest M Howse of Bloor Street United Church, Toronto, who for 20 years in Winnipeg and Toronto had Dr. Smith and his family as parishioners.

The congregation sang two of Dr. Smith's favorite hymns, "Unto the Hills" and "O God Our Help in Ages Past."

The big church was filled with the leaders of the nation and regular members of the church where Dr. Smith worshipped. There were cabinet ministers and university heads, senators and members of the Commons, judges and the chiefs of staff of the armed forces, diplomats and civil servants.

FAMILY, FRIENDS

The family and close friends occupied the front pews of the church immediately before the closed coffin.

Dr. Smith is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Shelagh Rand Davenport of Bristol, England; Mrs. A. F. M. MacKinnon of Nobel, Ont., and Heather, attening school in Toronto. All attended the service.

The family's red roses rested on top of the coffin and there were 12 other baskets of flowers at the front of the church.

The only other color was supplied by two flags: the Union Jack and the RCAF ensign. Dr. Smith served in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Governor-General Massey occupied the pew to the left of of the family and behind him were Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Opposition Leader Pearson, Revenue Minister Nowlan, Nova Scotia's cabinet representative, and the other honorary palbearers.

"He was my friend," said Dr. Howse in his eulogy.

No tribute to Dr. Smith was more worthy of remembrance than that so many persons had come to the church to join him in saying "he was my friend."

"He did not lose his life in the service of his country — he gave it," Dr. Howse said. "He fell on the field."

ST. PAUL, Minn. — **Harold Carson,** 64, Canadian radio pioneer, died Monday of a heart attack. He was president of All-Canada Radio and Television Ltd., sales representatives for more than 30 radio and TV stations and was associated with radio stations in nine cities, including CJVI, Victoria and CKWX, Vancouver.

Weather Forecast

March 20, 1959

Cloudy with rain, decreasing to a few showers in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 20 shifting to southwesterly 25 in the afternoon. Thursday's precipitation, nil; sunshine, nine hours.

Recorded Temperatures

High ____ 50 Low ____ 37

Forecast Temperatures

High ____ 50 Low ____ 40

Sunrise ____ 6.18 Sunset ____ 6.26

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Cloudy with rain decreasing to showers in the afternoon. Little change in temperature. Southeasterly winds 20 developing in coastal areas, frequently reaching 30 in Georgia Strait; shifting to southerly 20 in the afternoon. High and low at Nanaimo, 50 and 40.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Gale warning continued. Cloudy with rain decreasing to showers in the late morning. Little change in temperature. Winds southeasterly 30 in the southern part and southeasterly 40 in the northern part; shifting to southerly 20 in the afternoon. High and low at Estevan Point, 50 and 40.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	13	22	.03
Halifax	11	32	Trace
Montreal	24	42	..
Ottawa	20	42	..
Toronto	23	48	..
North Bay	30	43	..
Port Arthur	30	45	..
Kenora	25	30	..
Winnipeg	20	24	..
The Pas	-2	14	..
Regina	23	40	Trace
Saskatoon	10	22	.03
Prince Albert	1	14	.15
N. Battleford	13	19	.10
Swift Current	18	40	.03
Medicine Hat	32	39	Trace
Lethbridge	26	31	.02
Calgary	23	29	.02
Edmonton	19	31	.05
Kimberley	28	43	..
Crescent Valley	31	42	.04
Kaslo	32	46	.12
Grand Forks	29	48	..
Kamloops	32	48	..
Penticton	36	48	.01
Vancouver	38	48	.01
Prince Rupert	31	41	..
Prince George	13	36	..
Seattle	33	49	.09
Portland	37	53	.07
San Francisco	50	66	..
Los Angeles	56	71	..
Spokane	30	47	.03
Chicago	39	67	..
New York	31	59	..

Ship Calendar

NAVY

HMCS Fortune, Miramichi, Cowichan and James Bay returned yesterday at 2 p.m.; Jonquiere returned at 5.30 p.m.; Fraser, Margaree, Skeena and Assiniboine will arrive today at 10 a.m.; Sussexvale, Beacon Hill, Antigonish and St. Therese will return May 1 at 10.30 a.m.; New Waterford returns March 26.

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(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
20	02.43	10.3	08.10	8.4	12.16	9.4	19.33	4.0
21	03.12	10.5	08.46	7.9	13.31	9.5	20.21	3.9
22	03.40	10.6	09.23	7.1	14.41	9.7	21.08	4.1
23	04.07	10.6	09.59	6.2	15.43	10.0	21.55	4.4
24	04.35	11.1	10.38	5.3	16.46	10.2	22.36	5.0
25	05.08	11.7	11.18	4.3	17.47	10.4	23.21	5.7
26	05.34	11.2	12.01	3.6	18.48	10.5		
27	06.08	8.5	06.05	11.1	12.46	3.0	19.54	10.6
28	00.59	7.4	06.40	11.0	13.36	2.7	21.08	10.6
29	01.57	8.1	07.16	10.7	14.26	2.6	22.17	10.5
30	03.06	8.7	07.57	10.2	15.25	2.8	23.35	10.6
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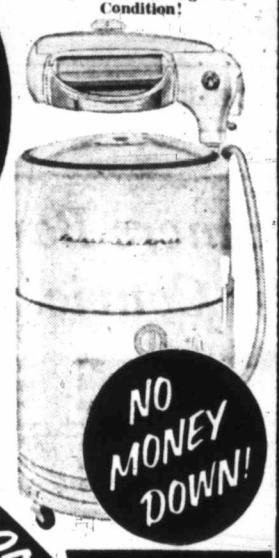

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